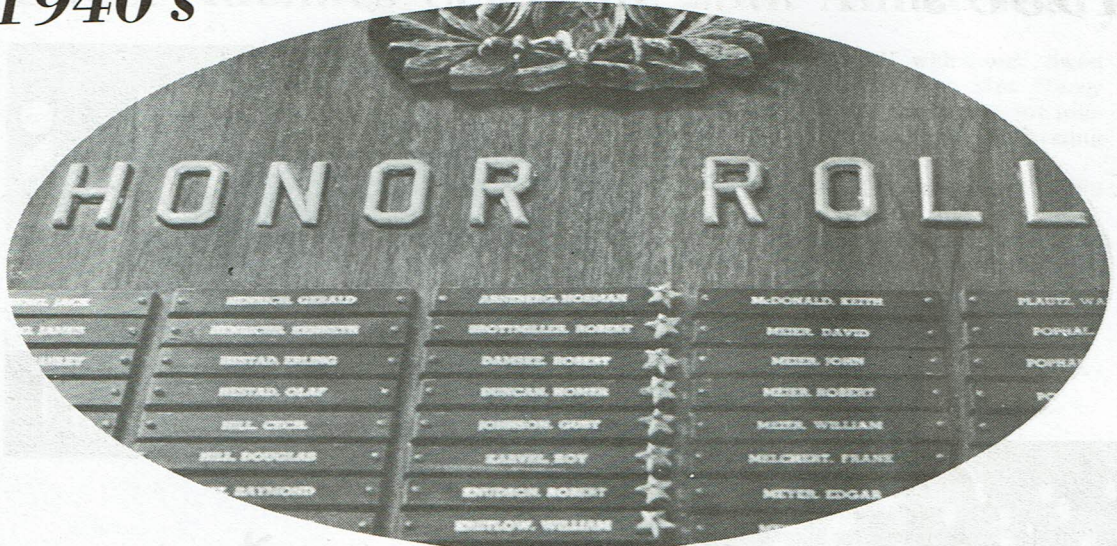


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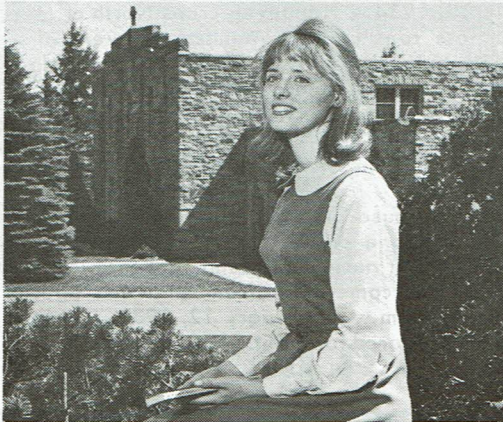
"Free The World"



Honor Roll of World War II servicemen.



School forest land donated by William T. Evjue in memory of his father Nel P. Evjue, a former lumberman.



Our Lady of The Holy Cross High School opened in 1941.

"Marzy doats an' doazy doats an' lil' lambsy divy. A kiddie divy two, wouldn't you", a nonsense tune reflecting a perplexed nation united in a war to "free the world". These were the times when people were proud to go to war for their country. Civilians learned the value of war rations and war bonds. "Coming in on a wing and a prayer" answers to the more serious emotions of the people during this era.

The Sisters of Holy Cross were establishing a remarkable program at Holy Cross. First the hospital in 1926; the chapel in 1937 and in 1941 the high school. In 1945 Holy Cross Convent with the adjoining chapel was added.

Local highlights reflects growth:

- July 9, 1940 - New local plant, Fibrecrete, Inc., makes ready to start operations. . . Buildings and site were purchased from Stange Lumber Co. . .
- April 30, 1945 - Women asked to join in planting trees at the Pere Menard monument. . .
- May 1, 1945 - School forest to be dedicated at Assembly Event - highlight of Reforestation Week. . .
- May 7, 1945 - Memorial Forest in Prairie Dells dedicated to war heroes of country. Kilroy was here. . .
- 1948 - WLIN becomes Merrill's first radio station.

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